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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS DEPARTS FOR WASHINGTON

1. THE GREEK GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS DEPARTED FOR WASHINGTON AT 1:30 P.M. TODAY (APRIL 12). ACCORDING TO RADIO AND TV NEWSCASTS, THE FOREIGN MINISTER WILL HAVE DISCUSSIONS WITH AMERICAN OFFICIALS ON THE STATUS OF GREEK-U.S. RELATIONS AS THEY HAVE EVOLVED FOLLOWING THE CONCLUSION OF THE RECENT U.S.-TURKISH AGREEMENT. THE REPORTS INDICATED THAT BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE THE FOREIGN MINISTER ATTENDED A LENGTHY MEETING CHAIRED BY THE PRIME MINISTER.

2. EARLIER, AT A NOON BACKGROUND BRIEFING GIVEN BY UNDER SECRETARY FOR PRESS AND INFORMATION LAMBRIAS TO POLITICAL EDITORS, LAMBRIAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD BE LEAVING TODAY FOR WASHINGTON WHERE HE WILL STAY FOR TWO TO THREE DAYS. LAMBRIAS TOLD THE EDITORS THAT

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A MESSAGE WAS DELIVERED TO PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS

FROM PRESIDENT FORD LATE LAST NIGHT WHICH CONTAINS "ENCOURAGING ELEMENTS." ACCORDING TO LAMBRIAS, THE PRIME MINISTER WILL MAKE A REPORT TO THE PARLIAMENT, AND THROUGH IT TO THE GREEK PEOPLE, ON THE SITUATION ON FRIDAY OR SATURDAY OF THIS WEEK BEFORE THE PARLIAMENT TAKES UP ITS REGULAR ORDER OF BUSINESS. STEARNS

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